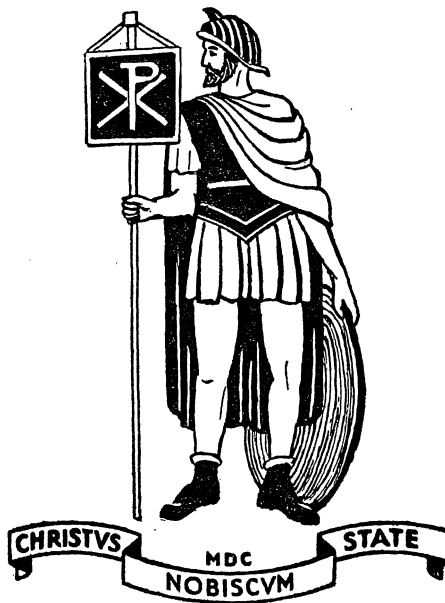


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NOTES AND NEWS

At the beginning of the Autumn term, we were pleased to welcome three new members of Staff; Mrs. Pearson to teach Religious Instruction, Mr. Balaam and Mr. MacDonald to teach Mathematics. We also welcomed back Mr. Johnson, who returned from the University of East Anglia after having attained a higher degree, and we congratulate him on this.

During the Autumn term, excursions included a trip by the U6 Economics group to Birmingham University for a day of lectures, which, apart from its educational value, gave the group a chance to look round the University itself. Later in the term members of the U6 French group saw a special presentation of 'Zazi dans le Métro' at Stratford College of Further Education. The annual Barn Dance, run by the Parents' Association, was again a great success. Towards the end of the term, activities included the school play which is reported elsewhere in the magazine. The 'non-uniform' day, which this year raised over £49 towards Dr. Barnardo's Fund, was its usual colourful success, and again co-incided with the Junior Christmas Party, the life and soul of which being provided by the U6. After the debris had been cleared from the hall, the U6 invited the Staff to join them for sherry as a gesture of festive goodwill and this was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The annual Carol Service took place in St. Nicholas Church and was well attended by parents and friends. The term ended in high spirits during the final assembly when the school joined together in a rousing version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.'

At the beginning of the Spring Term, there was the annual Supper Dance and Cabaret, held at the Greig Hall. Also during January, the L6 Geography group, led by Mr. Petherbridge, made a field study trip to Marle Hall. In February, Mr. Cowell, Mr. Micklethwaite, Mr. MacDonald and Miss Morgan took a party of 55 children skiing in Austria during the half term holiday. This year there was an exceptionally high attendance at Speech Day, despite the allocation of tickets to prize-winners, certificate-winners and their parents only. This resulted in considerable parking difficulties. The end of the Spring term also saw the annual tie between the U6 and the L6 in the three-legged charity soccer match which was one of the most spectacular ever

seen, and raised over £7 for charity. Improvements to the school over the Easter holidays included the replacement of door and corridor windows, to comply with official regulations, which will no doubt mean that more light will be thrown on a great many subjects.

The busy Summer Term's events began with a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum and to the National and Tate Galleries for Art students, led by Miss Simm. For most of the school the big event was the Parents' Association Annual Spring Fayre, held on May 5th. Entertainment was provided by the Plantagenet Medieval Archers, Shakespeare Morris and Sword Men, the Muzzle Loaders who were so popular last year, Alcester Victoria Silver Band and model car racing. £600 was raised for school funds by the efforts of parents, scholars and staff who either helped organise side shows or came to spend their money. Meanwhile, a small band of Grammar School heralds under the direction of Mrs. Ince were kept busy preparing heraldic shields to decorate the High Street on Jubilee Day. On 19th May, members of Shottery Grammar School for girls visited us to see a film of Romeo and Juliet with members of the school. Further entertainment was provided on May 24th when Doreen and Michael Muskett demonstrated antique instruments to the junior forms and to interested musicians in the upper forms. On May 25th, sixth form French students with Miss Morris and Mr. Oldham went to see 'Le Mariage de Figaro' by Beaumarchais at the Oxford Playhouse. Messrs Ridger and McClean, County Education Officers, visited the school on 13th June to speak to staff, governors and parents about plans for re-organisation. On 17th June Mr. Bates of Portsmouth Polytechnic talked to the sixth form about opportunities at Polytechnics. On 7th July, second formers visited the Royal Show and on 13th July first formers with Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Cowell and Mrs. Ince visited Chedworth Roman Villa. The end of term concert was on 19th July with artistes from first to sixth formers, ably directed by Mr. Brinson. The Old Girls won their match against the school by a narrow margin and the last day was marked by an inter-house space-hopper race.

Martin Seys and Timothy Baldwin.

SPEECH DAY 1977

The ceremony took place on April 1st in our over-crowded Assembly Hall with introductory entertainment of Romanze, Menuetto and Trio from Mozart's 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,' played by a group of school musicians. After the Headmaster's report, the certificates and prizes were distributed by the wife of Mr. R. E. J. Roberts, F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Prod.E., a Director of Guest Keen and Nettlefold. Mr. Roberts then addressed the school, old scholars and parents and he was thanked by Mr. A. E. Tubbs, a Governor of the School, and by Head Boy, David Peters.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

First Year: David Apsley Andrew Boston.

Second Year: Anne Griffiths, Russell Buxton.

Third Year: Anne Hunt, Dawn Summersby.

Fourth Year: David Robertson, Stephen Dyer, David Shore.

Fifth Year: Debra Smith, Sylvia Ashton, Mary Emerson.

Lower Sixth: Roger Green, John Crow, Anne Maw, Claire Duffin.

Upper Sixth: English (Audrey Webley Prize)—Veronica Bridge.

French—Joanna Broadis; Economics—Neil Goodwin; Geography (Ernest Walker Prize)—Janella Cund, Nicholas Titley; History—Julian Saunders; Mathematics—Ann Collins; Physics—Andrew Blundell; Chemistry—David Rose; Biology—Sara Gardener; Art—Frances Beech; Music—Susan Stephens, Andrew Hughes; Home Economics—Kathryn Orange; Engineering Drawing—Christopher Sharratt; Progress—Stephen Cull.

Service to the School—David Rose, Christopher Woodhouse, Ruth Maw, Kathryn Orange.

Bell Cup (Mathematics)—Ann Collins.

Mason Cup (best Ordinary Level results)—Debra Smith.

Spencer Cup (best Advanced Level results)—David Rose.

GAMES

HOCKEY

This game is becoming more and more popular throughout the country and it is estimated that more people actually play hockey at weekends than play football. The introduction of indoor games is starting to make hockey more of a spectator sport also.

The standard of hockey in the upper school has improved immensely this year and the game has been available to a wider range of pupils, thanks to Mrs. Bonham, Mr. Balaam, Tim Drew and Alison Scott and all those who attended practices and matches. Enthusiasm has slowly increased and is spreading through all age groups.

This year four players have reached county standard. Anne Hunt and Jane Whinn reached the Warwickshire U 16 XI, Julie Rogers and Alison Scott played for the Warwickshire U 18 1st XI. Alison Scott then went on to play for the Midlands U 18's and took part in the England trials in York but failed to get through.

Tim Drew played for the Warwickshire Schools U 19 boys' team and for the Midlands U 19's at centre forward.

Full colours were awarded to Pauline Ashton, Julie Rogers, Jane Whinn and Anne Hunt. Half colours were awarded to Liz Plummer, Mandy Allen and Janette Hasson.

Results:	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	8	7	1	—
2nd XI	1	—	1	—
U 15 XI	2	—	2	—
U 14 XI	3	—	3	—
U 13 XI	5	1	3	1

The 1st XI has now lost only one match since Christmas 1975. 1st XI Team:—P. Ashton, C. Jackson-Mee, D. Smith, M. Fallon, A. Scott (Captain), J. Cuzner, C. Duffin, J. Rogers, M. Allen, E. Plummer, J. Whinn, C. Miles, A. Hunt and J. Hasson.

Alison Scott (Captain).

ROUNDERS

The game has suffered a number of cancellations this year, but the juniors managed to play a few matches. The second years won one and lost one of their two matches, and the first years made a good start by winning their only match by 14½ to 7.

2nd year team:—C. Gilroy, K. Hooker, H. Brice, A. Feast, H. Wainwright, S. Wright, K. Millard, J. Amor, P. Taylor.

1st year team:—S. Sidaway, T. Cox, N. Hancox, V. Walters (D. Drinkwater), K. Lewis, L. Court, S. Bourne, N. Vale, R. Jordan.

Jane Whinn.

RUGBY

Owing to a severe up-grading of the fixtures this season, the results do not show to the full the enthusiasm or effort put in by this year's 1st XV. The standard of play has been greatly increased by hard training and the fact that several of this year's team have played regular club rugby. This, I am sure, helped Kevin Farmery in his selection for Warwickshire U 19 team. Throughout the season we have seen the benefit of a full pool of players, even if some of these have found the opposition a little greater in stature.

Neal Allen and Duncan Roeves both made their fiftieth appearances for the first XV, which, as far as we know, is a school record.

The team appreciates Mr. Cowell's help in training and coaching, and all the fathers who provided transport and much-needed support at away matches. We would also like to thank Alcester R.F.C. for providing a fixture against their 1st XV and Harbury R.F.C. for giving us an insight into "the art of coarse rugby."

Personally I would like to thank this year's team for making this such a successful season, and I wish good luck to next year's team. Finally, we are grateful to Mrs. Cowell for nursing her husband after his appearance for the 1st XV against Alcester Town Club.

Colours were awarded to:—P. Bromwich, I. Crabtree, J. Crowe, K. Farmery, B. Freeman, R. Green, J. Seeney.

Results:—Played 17, won 11, lost 5, drawn 1.

Points for: 348. Points against: 215.

Duncan Roeves (Captain)

FOOTBALL

Owing to the appalling weather this winter and to the continuing success of the 1st XV rugby team, the 1st XI football team played very few games. Of those that were played, the teams showed skill and character which led to entertaining games for both the school side and their opponents. All those who represented the school played well.

First XI colours were awarded to S. Whitwell, J. Toseland and M. Burlton.

It was enjoyable to see the enthusiasm shown by the younger members of the team and I hope this enthusiasm will be carried forward to next season.

Special thanks are due to Mr. D. Pugh (parent of a first former) who gave up his time to coach the U 14 team who greatly benefitted from his help.

Kevin Smith.

Results:—

U 12	v	Marie Corelli School	won	5—1
1st XI	v	Greville	won	8—2
		Solihull	won	4—1
		Old Swinford	won	5—1
		Abbey High	lost	0—2

	U16	U15	U14	U13
Bidford	D 2—2	L 0—7	W 8—2	L 3—4
St. Benedict's	W 5—0	L 1—4	W 9—6	L 2—6
Evesham	L 1—7	L 0—16	L 1—6	W 5—1
Stratford	L 1—6	L 2—6	L 4—5	L 1—5
Greville	W 4—3	W 4—1	W 10—2	L 3—4
Shipston		L 1—6		W 5—1
Studley			W 6—5	L 0—3

CROSS COUNTRY

The inter-House Cross-Country race was held on 30th March and school history was created by the inclusion of a female competitor for the first time ever. Mary Emerson put many of the boys to shame with an excellent run in the senior race over a tough course which included wading through knee-deep water in the River Arrow! Chris Hood won the race with Colin Partridge second and John Seeney third. Nigel Hood took the junior race, followed by Jason Barnes and Stephen Clark. Spencer teams won both age-groups. It was encouraging to see a great deal of enthusiasm for a change, with many of the runners benefitting from regular training.

This was reflected in the South Warwickshire Cross-Country, held at Kineton, where A.G.S. teams won all the boys' age-groups. Simon Biffin, Colin Partridge and Chris Hood were individual winners. Colin and Chris were members of the winning Warwickshire team in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships.

Chris Hood.

TENNIS

The season has been particularly successful this year and much enthusiasm has been shown. The Lower VI and IVth year teams have played in six matches of which they won four.

Helen Thompson won the girls' tournament for the second time, beating Alison Scott in a close final. Chris Baldwin and Claire Jackson-Mee beat Jane Whinn and Barbara Carey in the final of the girls' doubles. Nicholas Rospin beat Martyn Langston in the boys' final.

Tennis colours were awarded to Claire Jackson-Mee and Christine Baldwin and again to Helen Thompson.

CRICKET

Matches were badly affected by poor weather conditions and the somewhat unreliable wicket which was relaid last year and needs time to settle. It was disappointing that the 1st XI, with a strong team, should lose their two matches with depleted sides. Future prospects look rosy, however, as both the U 13 and U 14 teams had excellent results.

1st XI colours were awarded to Michael Randall and Jim Toseland.
Results:—1st XI lost versus Kenilworth and Evesham.

U 15 XI won versus Evesham, lost versus Kenilworth and Bidford.

U 14 XI v St. Benedict's won by 10 wickets.

v Kenilworth won by 46 runs.

v Stratford won by 67 runs (N. Hemming 66 not out)

U 13 XI v Evesham won by 5 wickets.

v Bidford won by 8 wickets.

v Kenilworth won by 40 runs.

U 12 XI won versus St. Benedict's and Stratford, lost versus Greville.

ATHLETIC SPORTS 1977

Sports Day was held on Wednesday, July 20th and trophies were presented in the Assembly Hall the following morning by Councillor Mrs. M. J. Price, a School Governor, who addressed the whole School with a carefully researched speech.

Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Sally Sidaway

Junior Victor Ludorum Cup — Nigel Hood

Senior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Julie Rogers

Senior Victor Ludorum Cup — Christopher Hood

John Clark Cup for 1500 metres — Christopher Hood

Girls' Sports Cup — Newport

Boys' Sports Cup — Wells

Sports Shield — Wells

*denotes a new record.

Senior Girls (5th and 6th Forms)

100m	1. J. Quiney (W); 2. A. Scott (S); 3. F. Clack (N).
200m	1. J. Quiney (W); 2. F. Clack (N); 3. S. Berridge (S).
800m	1. M. Emerson (S); 2. J. Rogers (S); 3. S. Ashton (W).
High Jump	1. S. Berridge (S); 2. D. Rugg (W); 3. F. Clack (N).
Long Jump	1. A. Scott (S); 2. D. Rugg (W); 3. N. Pepper (N).
Discus	1. J. Rogers (S); 2. C. Beech (N); 3. D. Smith (W).
Rounders Ball	1. S. Berridge (S); 2. J. Rankin (N); 3. J. Fraser (N).
Javelin	1. J. Rogers* (22m97) (S); 2. C. Jackson-Mee (N); 3. J. Quiney (W).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Newport 3. Wells.

Intermediate Girls (3rd and 4th forms)

4th year 100m	1. A. Lancaster (W); 2. J. Stevens (W); 3. J. Whinn (N).
3rd year 100m	1. S. Edwards (S); 2. L. Fatek (N); 3. J. Hasson (S).
3rd & 4th 200m	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. J. Stephens (W); 3. S. Edwards (S).
High Jump	1. E. McCarthy (S); 2. E. Plummer (N); 3. A. Thompson (N).
Long Jump	S. Whotton (W) equal 1st J. Whinn (N); 3. C. Taylor (W).
Discus	1. A. Lancaster (W); 2. A. Hunt (N); 3. B. Carey (S).
Javelin	1. M. Allen (N); 2. H. Thompson (N); 3. C. Ritchie (W).
Rounders Ball	1. A. Hunt (N); 2. S. Holt (S); 3. B. Carey (S).
Relay	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

Junior Girls (1st and 2nd Forms)

2nd year 100m	1. H. Edwards (N); 2. S. Wright (W); and J. Amor (N).
1st year 100m	1. S. Sidaway* 14.0.secs. (S); 2. R. Baker (S); 3. K. Watton (N)
200m	1. S. Sidaway (S); 2. S. Hill (W); 3. J. Amor (N).

High Jump	1. K. Millard (N); 2. N. Vale (S); 3. K. Hooker (N).
Long Jump	1. S. Sidaway (S); 2. S. Hill (W) and K. Watton (N).
Discus	1. J. Hall (S); 2. H. Ferris (W); 3. S. Bourne (W).
Rounders Ball	1. R. Jordan (N); 2. J. Tuplin (S); 3. K. Hooker (N).
Relay	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.
Javelin	1. R. Jordan* (N); 21.73m; 2. S. Wright (W); 3. J. Tuplin (S).

Senior Boys

6th year 100m	1. T. Drew (W); 2. J. Toseland (W); 3. R. Sealey (N); 11.6 secs.
5th year 100m	1. S. Dyer (N); 2. S. Gregory (W); 3. J. Walters (S) 11.8 secs.*
5th & 6th 200m	1. J. Toseland (W); 2. R. Sealey (N); 3. S. Gregory (W) 24.6 secs.
5th & 6th 400m	1. C. Partridge (N); 2. S. Dyer (N); 3. M. Burlton (S)
5th & 6th 800m	1. C. Hood (S); 2. C. Partridge (N); 3. S. McCarthy (S). 2 min. 5.4 sec.*
5th & 6th 1500m	1. C. Hood (S); 2. S. McCarthy (S); 3. D. Shore (W).
High Jump	1. J. Toseland (W); 2. I. Crabtree (S); 3. S. McCarthy (S).
Relay	1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport; 50.6 secs.
Long Jump	1. S. Hunt (W); 2. C. Hood (S); 3. D. Allen (N).
Triple Jump	1. S. Hunt (W); 2. K. Evans (S); 3. G. Dunbar (W) 11.25m.
Discus	1. S. Davies (S); 2. A. Waters (S); 3. G. Dunbar (W).
Javelin	1. T. Drew (W); 2. A. Phelps (S); 3. M. Langston (W).
Shot	1. R. Sealey (N); 2. H. Rowley (N); 3. T. Drew (W) 10.73m.

Intermediate Boys

4th year 100m	1. D. Gravestock (N); 2. P. Newton (S); 3. M. Freeman (S).
3rd year 100m	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. S. Wedgebury (W); 3. C. Broughton (N) 13.0 secs.*
200m	1. A. Williams (W); 2. P. Newton (S); 3. J. Vale (S) 27.0 secs.
400m	1. N. Hood (S); 2. A. Richards (W); 3. D. Broderick (N).
800m	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. R. Smith (S); 3. A. Rowley (N) 2 min. 22.2 sec.
1500m	1. N. Hood (S); 2. A. Rowley (N); 3. N. Tadd (N) 4 min. 58.8 sec.
High Jump	1. J. Watson (S); 2. A. Matthews (N); 3. A. Yapp (W).
Long Jump	1. R. Chilton (W); 2. D. Gravestock (N); 3. M. Burton (N).
Triple Jump	1. R. Chilton (W); 2. A. Matthews (N); 3. A. Smith (W).
Discus	1. N. Hood (S); 2. A. Williams (W); 3. M. Randall (N) 23.70m.
Javelin	1. G. Cox (W); 2. C. Broughton (N); 3. J. Barnes (S) 32.00m.
Shot	1. A. Williams (W); 2. J. Vale (S); 3. D. Gravestock (N) 9.83m.
Relay	1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer; 55.0 secs.

Junior Boys

2nd year 100m	1. G. Hicken (S); 2. A. Shorey (W); 3. P. Evans (N) 12.6 sec.*
1st year 100m	1. S. Biffin (W); 2. G. Danks (W); 3. J. Trout (S) 14.0 sec.
200m	1. G. Hicken (S); 2. A. Shorey (W); 3. S. Shirley (W) 28.2 sec.*
400m	1. S. Biffin (W); 2. C. Woodrow (N); 3. J. Trout (S).
800m	1. S. Clark (N); 2. R. Horton (S); 3. C. Woodrow (N).
High Jump	1. M. Crane (W); 2. S. Thomas (W); 3. R. Anderson (N) 1.20m
Long Jump	1. P. Evans (N); 2. D. Bullingham (W); 3. G. Danks (W) 4.45m.
Discus	1. D. Bullingham (W); 2. N. Edkins (W); 3. M. Greenaway (N).
Javelin	1. G. Hicken (S); 2. S. Clark (N); 3. S. Thomas (W).
Shot	1. A. Blundell (W); 2. N. Edkins (W); 3. P. Bayley (S) 9.54m.*
1st & 2nd 1500m	1. R. Horton (S); 2. S. Clark (N); 3. N. Edkins (W) 5 min. 26 secs.*
Relay	1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport. 59.4 secs.

WEMBLEY

One sunny morning in early March, about thirty schoolgirls climbed on to a coach bound for Wembley. We were on our way to the International Women's Hockey Finals between England and New Zealand. I had not really been looking forward to it but as I boarded the coach I began to change my mind.

We had a very pleasant journey down which was uneventful for the first half, so three girls (no names mentioned but one of them was our beloved head girl!) decided to liven it up a bit. We had passed about three coaches, all highly decorated in red, white and blue with rosettes, scarves, badges and banners, all supporting England. So the word was passed around and everyone whipped out pens and began furiously scribbling on the largest pieces of paper they could find. Scarves were produced and strewn around the coach.. So why then did the next 'English' coach that passed shout, swear and make disapproving signs? Simply because we had decided to support New Zealand!

The whole trip went well apart from one or two second years insisting on waving their Union Jacks! They were stopped.

As we drew into the car park at Wembley everyone stared in disbelief at the alien coach. It was remarked that we would probably be mugged as soon as we stepped off. However, the more patriotic among us did finally support England but still the three 'Kiwis' plus about seven others continued their farce.

Unfortunately, (speaking as an English supporter) our team lost 1—0, but this did not deter us, for we rejoiced all the way home because New Zealand had won.

Despite the fact that a small group of us could not find the coach after the match, I enjoyed the trip very much and am looking forward to the next visit to Wembley.

Elizabeth McCarthy 3S.

ART CLUB

In September '76 a group of 4M girls formed themselves into a committee and ran a weekly club for juniors during the Autumn and Spring terms. Helen Quigley was the secretary, Susan Wright the treasurer and their helpers were Melanie Green and Anne Thompson. Meetings were held at lunch times on Tuesdays and they were attended mostly by first formers. Activities included modelling and painting and an introduction to wax batik. A competition was held at Christmas time for a decoration made entirely of paper. It was won by Duncan Rankin, 1M.

During the year, the fifth and sixth form art groups have paid two visits to London. On both occasions we were privileged to have lectures by Mr. Michael Wilson at the National Gallery on nineteenth century French painting. We also visited the Courtauld Institute Galleries and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

K.M.S.

METALWORK CLUB

Once again the club has been held regularly on Monday evenings and Tuesday lunch-times, the latter being very well attended.

As usual the items constructed have been very varied, ranging from lathe parts to model boats and even a jardiniere (a plant trough to the uneducated). However, the item causing the most interest is the canoe-trailer which is being built for the school by D. Peters, D. Reeves and A. Abercrombie under the technical advice of D.C.M.

All members wish to convey their thanks to Mr. Maund for generously giving his help and advice throughout the year.

P.S.

WOODWORK CLUB

This has been held every Thursday lunch-time throughout the year under the watchful eyes of D.C.M.

Unfortunately, the range of products has had to be limited to fairly small items, due to the spiralling costs of timber. As a result, items constructed have included boxes, small stools, small cabinets and a large selection of carved animals.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Maund for giving once again his time and help to all club members.

P.S.

FENCING

In the Spring Term of 1977, a school fencing club was formed under the instruction of Professor J. Harding. Its members learned gradually how to hold a foil, how to perform the various attacking and defending sword strokes and finally how to fight correctly. Several of the members reached Bronze Medal Award Standard.

As he is unable to teach fencing in schools during the summer term, Professor Harding hopes to form an Alcester fencing club to be held in the Greig Hall on Monday evenings.

A.T. & K.F.

BRIDGE CLUB

Under the direction of Mrs. Hughes the club met regularly on Mondays and helped to give junior members an introduction to the game. Two Bridge evenings were held after school in the Library and, as a result, a team was picked to play our only fixture against Warwick School. Two Teams (four pairs) visited Warwick and were admirably fed and watered before the fray. Despite the fact that the first team was leading at the end of the first half, both teams lost. The performance was repeated when the first team played Warwick on their return visit.

It is hoped that the school's interest in this game will continue and that we may perhaps get more fixtures in future 'seasons.'

T.L.B.

CANOE-BUILDING

In order to save money for the school, several members of the fourth and second forms have been building canoes. By the time they are all completed we hope to have a full compliment of ten canoes.

A tremendous amount of time and effort has been put in by Peter Bromwich, Paul Newton, Dave Gravestock, Mark Lamb (all 4th years); Adrian Blundell, James Emerson and Mark Greenaway (2nd years), who even gave up one week of their Easter holidays in order to come in and work on the canoes.

A mention of thanks must go to Liz Plummer for her help, and the school is also deeply indebted to Pete Calvert of the Greville High School for supplying the moulds and for giving much-welcomed advice.

P.S.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's drama production was "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith. The main parts in this comedy were taken by: Alice Emerson, Anne Griffiths, Stephen Dyer, Stephen McCarthy, Elizabeth McCarthy, Rupert Organ and David Shore. Smaller parts were played by: Paul Hancox, Timothy Gill, David Apsley, Nicholas Strain, Jonathan Howarth, Maxine Hancox and Jennifer Manley.

Anne Griffiths gave a very entertaining performance as Mrs. Hardcastle, especially when arguing with her rebellious son Tony. Rupert Organ's portrayal of her husband, the old-fashioned and much-maligned father, was most commendable. Stephen Dyer excellently portrayed the two very different sides of Marlow's character: a nervous, stuttering simpleton in the company of ladies, and a brazen arrogant extrovert in the company of maids and servants.

Many members of the Lower Sixth gave up their time for rehearsals and the construction of the set, while others helped with the stage-lighting, make-up and, with the help of Mrs. Davis, the making of some of the elaborate costumes. The eye-catching "wood-effect" walls used in the performance were the particularly effective result of Miss Simm's artistic work and the attractive hired costumes provided a most colourful and authentic setting.

David Phillips worked particularly hard as the stage manager and this year Miss Bywater was the producer. She, and many other members of the school, worked hard to ensure the entertaining and successful performances which the audiences, drawn by Robert Sealey's attractive poster design, came to see and enjoyed immensely.

David Woodhouse.

HERALDRY

Under the expert guidance of our highly enthusiastic Deputy Head, twenty pupils were commissioned to produce seventeen shields of the highest quality imaginable. They included shields of all the Commonwealth countries plus one of Vallet (Alcester's twin town). These were then distributed round the town, fastened to lamp-posts.

Information for the shields was collected from various foreign embassies and designs were drawn onto boards which had been cut to the required size and primed. Each shield was painted in the true heraldic colours, using gloss paint and then special brackets were screwed to their backs.

A report appeared in the Alcester Chronicle giving a favourable impression. The shields were displayed in the High Street for two weeks as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

Debbie Smith and Lesley Harris.

CALSHOT—The hard way—October 1976.

A number of Sixth-formers wanted to do a Sea Canoeing course.

Calshot (a spit of land opposite the Isle of Wight) was a centre run by Hampshire as a water sports centre. We decided to go there.

After selecting seven volunteers we left school on Friday lunch-time with enough equipment for a successful canoe assault on Everest—and that was only Dave Phillips! The group consisted of: John 'Spiderman' Seeney, Duncan 'Fanny Craddock' Reeves, Dave 'Good Grief' Peters, Dave 'Kitchen Sink' Phillips, John 'Can I borrow?' Crowe, Brett 'Get lost, Crowe' Freeman, The Rt. Hon. Charles Barlow.

Various contests would be held over the weekend: the 'who could cook the most sumptuous meal?' contest, the 'who could capsized the most?' contest. Crowe and Seeney were neck and neck for the 'forgotten the most equipment' contest.

On arrival at Calshot, we swiftly put our tents up. Seeney had a theory that tents were better inside out; 'do you sleep on the outside, John?' We met our instructor who seemed to think that we would be accomplished canoeists. Charlie soon sorted that theory out by trying to sit back to front in the first canoe that came his way. We went to bed early after hot cocoa.

Saturday morning. Great hilarity, Brett's tent almost floating after very heavy rain. Crowe and Seeney's intelligent move in pitching their tent by an overflow pipe was not very successful—it aimed a few hundred gallons of rainwater into their tent! Breakfast was enjoyed by all except John and John—they had eaten all their food by now!—only two days to go.

9.45 On the water, driving rain, very windy.

11.00 A pained voice: 'Mr. Cowell, my legs feel funny.' The Rt. Hon. is paddled ashore. Rest of group still afloat in heavy waves.

After lunch, a gale warning means no more canoeing that day, but Calshot has an International standard indoor cycle track with 54 degrees banking. Also an enormous indoor ski-slope.

2.30 On the cycle track—terrifying!

2.50 'Mr. Cowell, my legs feel funny!'—it's him again.

4.00 On the ski-slope. 'No, not with bikes, John.'

4.01 On our backs.

During the skiing we advanced in one hour from being raw beginners to very raw beginners. Brett managed to sweep all before him on more than one occasion—almost broke the instructor's arm, in fact. Everybody's legs felt funny.

Volley-ball in the evening.

Sunday. Surfing in five-foot dumping waves. Duncan: 'Mr. Cowell, my head feels funny'—'Hardly surprising, as a canoe has just bounced off it.'

After the surfing, we packed the tents and drove back to Alcester trying all the way home to fill Dave Peters up with Mars bars and crisps.

D.C.

VISITS TO MARLE HALL

Fourth Forms

In November the whole of the fourth forms went to Marle Hall

for a week of field study and 'adventure.' After an uneventful journey down we arrived at about 5 o'clock to be greeted by numerous instructors.

During the week the six groups wrote diaries, from which we have used the quotations hereunder. Included in the activities were 'adventure', rock-climbing, mountain-walking, history, geography and biology.

"We started our adventure day by being driven to a cliff where our enthusiastic instructor showed us how to 'absail', and after we had all been shown the easiest way down we descended many times." Included in 'adventure' was gorge-walking: "It involved climbing beside and across a mountain stream, choosing the most difficult routes." And pot-holing: On arriving at the pot-holes we all dived into many small holes, full of friendly bats and spiders!!

On another day we went rock-climbing: "Martin's group started off by climbing the 'chimney' where Liz was thrashing about in a small hole for some time. The rest of us managed to crawl through the hole after Liz had knocked a few rocks away."

Mr. Mickethwaite took us on long, arduous mountain walks which he called 'field studies', inevitably getting lost each time, and arriving back too late for the much-needed daily rations of tea and biscuits. Dr. Preston-Mafham took us to a really interesting beach, completely covered with seaweed. We all marvelled at the great variety of marine life!

After the evening lectures on mountain-safety, canoeing, pot-holing etc., the groups spent the evenings doing such delightful things as watching T.V., playing cards or listening to records, (or in a coma of exhaustion.) Alison Lancaster, Alice Emerson and diaries.

Lower Sixth Geography Group

After manoeuvring thirteen bodies, Mr. Petherbridge and our luggage into the minibus we set off on an early Monday morning in January.

The following morning we woke to the steady pattering of rain and the Marle Hall bell. Dressed in our best waterproofs we commenced our town study of Llandudno and got very wet. After the delightful experience of a Marle Hall packed lunch, we staggered up the Great Orme to examine Karst scenery and were almost blown off for our efforts.

On Wednesday we went to Nant Ffrancon and Cwm Idwal to study glaciation. Then we proceeded to the Welsh woollen mills at Trefrilo. Thursday saw us dressed as Russian spies when we visited the nuclear power station at Transynedd. Before leaving we were all tested for radio-activity with negative results. We then proceeded to the H.E.P. pump storage station at Ffestiniog where the minibus broke its altitude record, In celebration it overheated.

Anglesey was the venue for Friday's expedition. We explored Newborough Forest and spent the afternoon on a nearby beach. On Saturday morning we said our farewells to Marle Hall and returned home exhausted. Christine Catherall and Fiona Reeves.

Lower Sixth Biology Group

After an early start!!! (having waited a mere two hours), we set off for the unknown. The journey there was fairly uneventful, apart from the occasional squeal of brakes with us all arriving in the front seat concertina-fashion! A stop was made at Llangollen for the express purpose of visiting the penny slot-machines and savouring the delights of the local chippy.

At 3.15 p.m. we had a guided tour of the wonders of Marle Hall and were issued with rucksacks, boots and a large species of waterproof. After tea we made the treacherous ascent to the top of the hill to study the rare flora and numerous flies, which appeared to take quite a liking to us.

The following day we collected some wellies and proceeded to carry out a profile on a salt marsh. The afternoon was spent rock-climbing and watching crabs on a rocky shore. Wednesday was spent climbing a few mountains and studying alpine plants and watching some sheep-shearing. On Thursday we excelled ourselves and finished the sand-dune profile in record time so that we could sun-bathe and go swimming. On the last day we did another profile on the Great Orme, wearing the minimum of clothing and enormous walking boots.

On behalf of our stomachs we would like to say how good the food was.

Deb Smith claims all responsibility for this article,
but Liz Hadwen claims a little bit.

CANOEING EXCURSION

At the beginning of July a group of eighteen, with Mr. Cowell and Mrs. Albon, spent a very warm, enjoyable week canoeing in North Wales. We took ten canoes on a trailer built by Dave Peters, and for the weeks preceding the holiday there were many willing helpers to lend a hand to prepare for the trip.

We set off late Monday morning and had to stop quite often because the minibus was over-heating but with some help from Brett Freeman, this was overcome and we managed to arrive only five hours late. After a late evening meal everyone went for a swim at Llandudno.

On the Tuesday we were put into two groups. Group one, the more advanced group, went round the Great Orme and through the 'tide race'. (Kev Farmery was the first to fall in here). Group two went part way round the Great Orme and returned to Llandudno to do rescue practice in the afternoon. In the evening John Seeney, Jim Toseland, Alison Scott and John Crowe went climbing and Duncan Reeves, Ian Crabtree, Liz Hadwen, Anne Maw, Mary Emerson and myself went fishing. The remainder were left playing Bridge at Marle Hall.

On the Wednesday we all travelled to Anglesey and arrived there at lunch-time. After setting up camp, Group one went surfing and Group two went to Four Mile Bridge where the 'falling in' prize went jointly to Ian Crabtree and Jim Toseland. That evening we all went and had fish and chips.



On Thursday both groups did quite an advanced trip around the south and north stack of Anglesey which was about eight miles long. This included two 'tide races' where we found the water to be fairly rough. We explored the coastline going into the caves, and puffins, guillemots and cormorants were seen in great numbers. In the evening we all played rounders on the beach and again everybody had fish and chips. When everyone got back, Jim Toseland, Ian Crabtree and myself had an accident with a stove and we nearly sent the whole camp site up in flames but help was around and all was under control within a few minutes.

On Friday we packed up (during which John Seeney tried to catch a raw egg with very little success and it ended up all over him instead) and left Anglesey. Group one then paddled with the tide into the 'swellies' in the Menai Strait and played about in the fast water flowing between the rocks.

We returned to Marle Hall where, in the evening, with great support from the rest, Duncan Reeves, John Seeney, Dave Peters and Jim Toseland won the Marle Hall cricket competition beating Leamington College for Boys in the final.

On Saturday everyone drove back to Alcester with a bent canoe trailer, no doubt to catch up on many hours of sleep.

Michael Burlton L6S.

BARNARDO'S

The past year has been another most pleasing one and the school has raised more money for Barnardo's than ever before.

In December Form I made their usual Christmas Tree Collection: this has been a most important fund-raising effort in the school for very many years and I know I can always depend on the First forms to make a substantial contribution to our work. In December they raised £32.80—again a record amount.

Individuals have also helped Barnardo's on their own initiative and this is very welcome and encouraging. Ellen and Tessa Baggett and Margaret Yapp went carol-singing and Lynne Stafford, Gail Onions and Cheryl Miles organised a sponsored silence with Form IS which raised the surprising amount of £40.20. Have any of this year's prefects some bright idea for raising money for Barnardo's? Ideas and help will be very welcome.

The non-uniform day when the Juniors have their party has now become an annual event and this year it raised over £49—one of the benefits of our ever-growing numbers as there are now over 400 pupils to pay the 10p charge which is levied. On the last day of the Autumn term the Sixth form sang in the old building at lunch time and they very quickly collected over £2. All this varied activity meant that in December I was able to send Barnardo's a cheque for £125.51 and a warm letter of thanks was received from headquarters.

The proceeds of the annual box-opening were £135.88—a very commendable effort by our own members of whom there are fewer than there used to be. There are now not so many who wish to commit themselves to a regular pattern of saving, but even though our membership is smaller than it once was, the school is always ready to rally round our fund-raising efforts. The fancy dress football match was as entertaining as usual and brought in over £7 from the collection that was made.

The outcome of all our varied activities has been a record total of £268.84. This is a truly astounding amount but I am sure that next year it will be £300, for as I look back over my records I see an ever increasing annual total and this upward trend is necessary if we are to continue to give the same help in real terms. Two sets of parents most generously gave poultry to Barnardo's at Christmas time and the gratitude for these gifts was very sincere. It is at such times that I become so aware of the deep sympathy which is evoked by the thought of the children who need help if they are to have some of the extra pleasures and treats which most of us take for granted.

Short Service awards were granted to Susan Edwards and Rupert Organ whilst Sylvia Ashton and Ian Watson obtained Founder's Awards.

K.G.M.

THE VIOLIN

*It was dusty, forgotten for many years
In the attic of the old man's house,
Once its music brought forth tears,
But that time is now long past
And the old man's health is failing fast.
While the man lay sick upon his bed,
His grandson found the violin
And played music that would rouse the dead,
With deft fingering and flying bow,
Exciting expression and vibrato.
Resin rose up in a thick grey cloud
As the boy played forth a melody,
Fast and slow, now soft, now loud,
In harmony the notes were played
And a beautiful sound the violin made.
The old man listened as he lay awake
To the sound which he had long forgot
The Blue Danube Waltz and Swan Lake,
Content he lay, on his face a smile
And he was happy for a while.
Late that night he finally died,
But in his last few moments he called
His young grandson to his side,
To the boy he gave the violin
Before death called and he gave in.*

David Apsley 2M

PEOPLE

I'm sitting on the bus, jolting my way slowly home from school. I wonder who the people around me are? Where do they live? What are their names?

It looks as if that lady has been shopping; she has a mass of bulging carrier bags and baskets around her, and she looks very tired.

The man behind her is a teacher, he's marking a pile of exercise books. It seems as if that child didn't know the answers to his sums today; there are lots of crosses on his page.

The lady sitting in front of me looks as if she has just stepped out from Harrods fashion display. She doesn't look very comfortable sitting in a number ninety-eight bus, but perhaps her chauffeur has taken the Rolls in for its M.O.T. She is trying not to notice that the old man in front of her is trying to light his pipe, and sending clouds of pungent grey smoke all over her.

Then there are the people who travel daily on the ninety-eight, like me. Or the people who commute daily to work in the town. Each one passes the time of day to another, yet no one knows anyone else's name.

Julie Hall 2S.

FACT IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Some of us at one time or other in our lives have experienced something strange which we cannot or are unable to explain. A happening like this, some would argue, is just a coincidence and can be easily justified—or is it? This is a debatable matter and one on which people hold differing opinions.

However, what I will try to do now is to relate one such occurrence and leave the reader to make up his or her own mind.

Many years ago, during the First World War, my grandmother set off to sit with a friend for the evening. It was a pleasant Sunday evening for the long walk and she soon arrived at the farm house where her friend lived. She went inside and for the next couple of hours nothing out of the ordinary happened. They had the usual type of conversation that two friends have and were grateful for each other's company in that great farm house.

At about ten o'clock the silence that had come about from tiredness and sore throats was disturbed by the sound of familiar footsteps. Now it happened that my grandmother's friend's brother and fiance were both fighting in France and they naturally supposed that these footsteps belonged to either her brother or fiance. You probably know that you can recognise certain people's footsteps on some occasions and this was one of them.

The sound following the footsteps was a loud bump and a distinct knocking sound on the door. Both women went to the door and when they opened it—there was no one anywhere. They looked around outside but no one could they find.

This disturbed them greatly. They were positive that they had heard someone outside.

A few days later another great shock was on the way. My grandmother's friend had a telegram from the War Office stating that her brother had been killed. As if this was not enough, it was later discovered in a letter from his Commanding Officer that the approximate time of his being killed was about ten o'clock Sunday evening, that is, the approximate time that the footsteps and knocking on the door was heard by the two women.

Was this coincidental? It might have been but on the other hand it might have been something else.

Anne Griffiths 3M.

WAR

*All around, battles, noise,
Endless screams and groans.
Men in agony dying slowly for their land
Will life ever be the same again
For these poor young men who live?
Sights of suffering all round. Groans of dying men.
This one here's a bank clerk, here a student,
There a criminal.
Men from all walks of life,
United in their cause, killing other men,
With whom they have no quarrel.
This is war.
Here a young boy falls to the ground, writhes, dies,
His last sight alive, a bloody bayonet,
The last sound he hears, death of other men
The last thing he says 'God save me'
His last feeling, pain,
Oh God, Why?
Why should these young innocents die?*

Nigel Braithwaite 3S.

THE MILL POND

*Weeds by the mill pond
Broken and down,
Water in the mill pond
Discoloured and brown,
Children in the mill pond
Dirty and black,
Boats in the mill pond
Of paper and rack,
Cans in the mill pond
Of rust and tin,
Opened and emptied
Of what was within
Bread in the mill pond
Old and stale,
Bottles in the mill pond
Emptied of ale,
The water is thick
As if it were treacle,
The only thing living
Is a Death-Watch beetle.*

Jane Whinn 4M

PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Artificial white light cascading from large floodlights placed high above, giving the common double-decker bus a strongly mystical appearance. The neon lights loud against the blackness of the night. Gigantic moving posters proclaiming Cola to be 'The Real Thing.' Enormous spearmint packets flashing in and out of vision. Light travelling incessantly round the huge signs advertising so many anonymous products. The grey and red bricked sides of towering buildings encased in acres of brilliant light and colour. The sight fills your eyes and your mind. You close your eyes but the flashing remains, so vivid is the scene. As you stare the vast and varied movement of reds, blues, greens, yellows and whites merge into a blur of colour and motion.

Mandy Smart 4S.

GHOSTS OF SUMMER

*You cannot go anywhere in the winter,
Without thinking of the summer,
Of the many coaches, packed neatly
into dreary, grey car-parks,
Of the laughing, joking tourists,
filling the streets and shops,
Of the sounds of many languages;
Russian, German, French, Japanese,
and of course the ugly American drawl.
One walks through the park and sees
browns and blacks,
And thinks of the pinks, yellows, reds
and oranges,
Of the sunbathers who used to adorn
the banks of the river.
The river, empty, cold and forbidding,
once covered with bright, cheerful
rowing boats and punts.
Now shrouded in a hazy, white mist.
The boat yard, the fresh green paint,
of the summer scraped, torn and scratched.
The boats stacked under tarpaulins,
covered in frost.
The refreshment huts, shutters down,
doors padlocked, giving the message
If you want hot coffee — go home!*

Dawn Summersby 4S.

THE DREAM MAKERS

*When we are dreams beyond the depths of dreaming,
Quiet among the dew-filled flowers of calm—
When evening has found us in the last gleaming
Of light, then we become shadows that ever do no harm;
We will have made, there for all to see,
No surer way to search their innocent mind,
We will have given them the key,
The door unlocks to that they wish to find;
Dreams soon become for us reality,
Their explanation still quietly untold
In our minds we so very often see
Our life's ambitions to us unfold;
We have shown all that you in your mind contain,
Inside ourselves we have once tried to see, but no, in vain.*

Siobhan Clancy 5S.

DON'T LOOK NOW

*Don't look now for there's nobody there
No face at the window, no foot on the stair.
Yet you say you heard light treads in the dark outside,
And you say you heard her voice alone and she cried
That she needed you now as she needed you then,
But you know now that she's beyond the world of men.
And she moaned that she wanted life just as before,
But you know now that you'll never cross that dark door
To be with her. The living is dead,
And the voice that you hear is the one in your head.
Come away from the window and whisper your prayer,
But for God's sake don't look now, there's nobody there.*

Sylvia Ashton L6W.

ALCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN 1952 (twenty-five years ago)

In 1952 the School had about 300 pupils on the register, compared with about 430 to-day, and 25 years ago there were fewer buildings, including the two wooden huts next to the Birmingham Road which were built at that time to serve as a domestic science room and a woodwork room.

In those days the School was as active as it is today, with many clubs and societies to cater for the pupils' varied interests and hobbies, some of which are still in existence. Then the School ran an Aero-modelling Society, a Photographic Society, a group called the "Cercle francais", a Dramatic Society and a Scientific Society, to name but a few. The School also organized its own Scouts' Patrol and, in that year, the Army Cadet Force was re-formed. The Alcester Grammar School Platoon 7/11 Warwickshire Battalion, Army Cadet Force, as it was called, had a membership of nineteen, who were given military training and were issued with uniforms and equipment free. (In 1953 the Platoon was issued with several rifles to add to their equipment!)

The death of King George VI clearly had a marked effect on the School. One Sixth-former wrote:

"On the morning of Wednesday, February 6th, the first news of the tragic death of our King was heard over the wireless by the French Sixth . . . The one o'clock news was heard in complete silence by members of Staff and the Prefects. On the Friday of the funeral, black ties were worn by all Prefects as a last mark of respect for our heroic King . . . "

On February 15th a two-minute silence was observed throughout the School as a tribute to the King's memory.

Members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms went to the Town Hall for the Proclamation Ceremony of the accession of Queen Elizabeth. An article in the School Magazine in that year reads:

"On Friday 8th, we went to see and hear the Proclamation of the Queen's accession at Alcester Town Hall by the High Bailiff. The ceremony was short, but very moving. God Save the Queen!"

It is difficult to imagine that only twenty-five years ago England was still suffering from the aftermath of the Second World War. The fact that our School, and all its pupils, still experienced rationing is brought home sharply in the following poem, written by a Fourth-former in

1952

Rations, rations, always rations, they are ringing in my ears,
Like a mournful piece of music chanted downwards through the years.
Rancid marge and salty bacon, cheese that's just one ounce a week.
Taste of meat, as tough as leather, eggs when cracked that simply
reek.

There's some black slate in the woodshed that the merchant says
is coal.

Then there's beer as weak as water. Never gets you "Up the pole!"
If we take our tea with sugar, jam at home we cannot make,
Still we must not grouse or grumble; pull our belts in till we ache.

Things have changed. Today the only rationing is that enforced
by inflation. People often complain that the standards of living are
low today, but how many pupils of this School in 1977 would exchange
their school dinner for the food described above?

David Woodhouse L6S and Sylvia Ashton L6W.

THE END OF AN ERA

Our Upper Sixth form career began when a small group of us decorated the common room during the Easter holidays. This managed to involve a grand carpet-beating session, countless cups of coffee and a visit from a press photographer (fame!), but we finished the job in two days flat.

Later in the term, whilst the games staff were at Marle Hall, we helped run games lessons. Some of the pupils thought they would have an easy time, but, after some 'keep fit with Julia and Anne' lessons, they realised how wrong they had been, and ached for Mrs. Bonham's return.

We also managed to confuse people when we acted as secretary in Mrs. Parkinson's absence. Parents, pupils and teachers alike were amused to see us in the office, and we all breathed a sigh of relief on her return.

The non-uniform day (originally our year's idea) was a great success, with the Curly-Wurly boy, Bat Man, and Robin all appearing. The junior party was its usual organised chaos of games, including 'pass the three-foot cube parcels' (with forfeits). Special thanks must go to Claire Duffin for arranging refreshments for 120 people and to everyone who helped to make the party so enjoyable. (The only complaint we had was that it was too short.) This party was followed by another when we invited the staff to join us for sherry and mince pies (an invitation they eagerly accepted.) We must thank Miss Bywater and 'Eggins' Reeves for their entertaining waltz, and the Brown Sugar Disco for providing the music.

After raising over two pounds by carol singing round the school earlier in the week, the last day of the Autumn Term saw the 1st XV playing rugby in the snow against the U 6th girls, aided and abetted by Mrs. "grab 'em girls" Bonham. The boys were put off their game by the unusual opposition and, with the help of a totally unbiassed(?) referee, the girls won 12—0.

We have seen the introduction of form prefects where each form has its own 6th form prefects to help(?) the form tutor. Another new introduction was the prefects' tie, an all-red tie with the school badge woven on it. It has many supporters but also prompted the forming of a new society, the C.A.T.W.O.P.T. (Campaign against the wearing of prefects' ties.)

The Autumn Term brought the first meeting of the School Council. This was a combined idea from Staff and Sixth Form. Although it has some minor problems, we hope that it will continue to be a useful addition to the school.

I suppose this article will bring comments of 'when did they do any work?' but I can assure you that we are working hard in preparation for our exams. At the same time we are looking forward to the three-legged fancy dress football match against the Lower Sixth, and to handing over our prefectorial duties to them after Easter. We will leave School with many happy memories and we wish it every success for the future.

Pauline Ashton U6W.

(Special thanks are recorded here to Pauline Ashton, David Peters and all the prefects for the very considerable contribution they have made to the life of the school during their year of office. We wish them every success and happiness in the future in return H.M.)

PREFECTS 1977-78

Head Boy: Timothy Drew; **Head Girl:** Alison Scott.

Deputy Head Boy: Christopher Hood; **Deputy Head Girl:** Lesley Harris.

Prefects:

Graham Dunbar, Robert Sealey, David Woodhouse, Nicholas Raspin, David Phillips, Christopher Howarth, Michael Burlton, Michael Rich, Christopher Tompkins, Brian Freeman.

Sylvia Ashton, Christine Baldwin, Christine Beech, Joanna Downes, Mary Emerson, Linda Farmery, Claire Jackson-Mee, Elizabeth Hadwen, Deborah Smith, Belinda Young.

A STUDENT ONCE AGAIN

In October 1975 I became a student for the second time. Eighteen years and half a lifetime before I had entered the University of Bristol as an undergraduate; this time I was to be a postgraduate student in the University of East Anglia, Norwich.

The two universities are very different. Bristol is a 'civic' university set right in the middle of the city; it celebrated its centenary in 1976; U.E.A. is a 'new' university which took its first students in 1963. It is situated on a campus on the outskirts of Norwich. Everything is provided on the site, and a student need never leave it. It is said that some students never set foot in Norwich itself throughout their three year stay.

Going back to university was rather like the shrinking process described in Alice in Wonderland. From being more or less the absolute monarch of the chemistry laboratory, I was reduced to a position of insignificance. The first few days of the autumn term were in fact just like starting at Grammar School all over again, with sensations of bewilderment and insecurity until I found my way about. Several times I wished myself back in the familiar friendly world of Alcester Grammar School.

My fellow postgraduates in the Chemical Education Sector of the School of Chemical Sciences at U.E.A. were all chemistry teachers with a number of years of experience of teaching the subject. Most were British, although some had lived and taught abroad. One was from Mauritius, one from Malaysia and one from Uruguay; there were twelve of us in all.

The course itself was intense. There was a full programme of seminars (discussion classes with a tutor), Laboratory work and research project to be carried out on an educational topic of our choice. There was a great deal of hard work involved but I was glad to have the opportunity to handle apparatus unheard of during my time at Bristol, and to acquire new skills. For example I learned how to make several million poundsworth of computer do exactly what I wanted, how to use statistics for the analysis of educational data, and something of the science of psychometrics.

Even more valuable to me as a teacher was simply the experience of being a learner once again. To see things from the learner's viewpoint is not easy for a teacher. How is it possible one wonders, that the pupils fail to understand one's brilliant explanation, or have no idea how to do an experiment despite clear instructions? These questions I was partly able to answer.

It was also a salutary experience to sit an examination after all these years. Old chemistry students at Alcester will know the strong emphasis which I place on calm concentrated thought as the secret of exam success. Precious little of this did I manage in my examination.

Finally the year of blood, toil, sweat and tears came to an end. My thesis (a detailed report of research work undertaken) was duly written, typed, duplicated (three copies required) and bound into book form (black binding with the title in gold letters) and submitted. In due course I had to attend an oral examination on my work with a visiting examiner from another university, and the degree for which I had been working was awarded.

Was it all worthwhile? Very much so. In addition to the letters to place after my name, my copy of the thesis on my bookshelf and the opportunity to see a modern university from the inside, I made many new friends. If anyone is thinking of studying chemistry at a university, they could do worse than try U.E.A.

C. J.J.

SCHOOL CANOE TRIP—PEMBROKE, JULY 24th—29th

A group of fourteen set off for St. David's in Pembroke on Sunday 24th July. The journey of 180 miles was punctuated by a pleasant stop in Europe's largest second-hand bookshop at Hay-on-Wye (200,000 books on show and many thousands in reserve). We arrived at our cliff-top camp site at 6.30 p.m.

On the following morning, the weather was too bad for a canoe trip (force 5—6 winds) but we were able to surf in Whitesands Bay. Here Mr. Cowell's canoe was much in evidence with one long surfing run in particular; unfortunately, Mr. Cowell was not in it at the time! Some of the waves were about six feet high so it was certainly a "baptism of fire."

On Tuesday we went for an eight-mile walk to see the spectacular tide race between Pembroke and Ramsay Island. In the afternoon we undertook a three-mile canoe trip during which David Gravestock did an involuntary rush through a narrow rocky passage when a wave picked up his boat. In the evening, an inter-tent cricket match was held at the request of Adrian Blundell. Needless to say, Adrian was cut first ball.

On Wednesday we went from Porth Clais to Solva and back, a total of nine miles. We passed some very interesting cliff faces and were able to canoe into some caves. On return to camp, heavy rain had made Mark Lamb's and Richard Portman's tent resemble a miniature swimming pool.

Thursday was fine but off-shore winds were forecast—an obvious problem for sea canoeists. However we were well sheltered on our trip from Solva to Newgale Sands (about four and a half miles) by the cliffs. The caves and rock formations were most spectacular and some of the caves penetrated for fifty yards or more; unfortunately we did not bring a torch with us, so we could not go very far into them. On arrival at Newgale Sands we were greeted with "dumping" waves which roll onto a steeply shelving beach and "dump" onto the shore at the last moment. The party members were noticeably swift in their reactions when leaping out of their boats before the next wave hit them!

On our return to the camp site, we tested the life-jackets by leaping off the quay wall (about eight feet high) into the water. The onlookers certainly gave us some strange stares.

Friday was an early start as the tents and equipment had to be packed and we completed our 180 miles back to Alcester by about 5 p.m.

Some abiding memories were left from the week: Mr. Bromwich paddling in ever decreasing circles on one section of Thursday's trip; Duncan Reeves, Dave Peters and Brett Freeman outdoing the seagulls when it came to scrounging food; Richard Portman's and Mark Lamb's 'underwater' tent and, of course, Mark's sombrero; Peter Bromwich perched on a rock in his canoe, wondering who had pinched all the water; Nick Tadd and David Gravestock crashing in and out of any rocks or caves they could find; Paul Newton fitting enough sponge around his cockpit to pad an armchair; Adrian Blundell, Mark Greenaway and James Emerson keeping the whole group helpless with laughter on so many occasions.

It must be pointed out that the boys on this trip made all the school canoes and equipment.

D.C.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1976—77

	1st	2nd	3rd
Senior Rugby	W	S	N
Junior Rugby	W	= S	= N
Girls' Hockey	S	N	W
Cross Country	S	W	N
Senior Soccer	S	W	N
Junior Soccer	W	S	N
Junior Rounders	N	S	W
Athletics	W	S	N
Junior Cricket	W	S	N
Senior Cricket	W	N	S
Girls' Tennis	N	S	W

Final: 1st Spencer 84 points

2nd Wells 76 points

3rd Newport 56 points

STAFF NEWS

Mr. W. F. Cross taught French in January and March 1977 during the absence of Miss Morris.

In the Spring Term we were joined by students on teaching practice—Miss Glenn for Home Economics from Worcester College and Miss Chardine for P.E. and Geography from Coventry College.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Balaam on the birth of their son, Andrew, on January 31st; Mr. and Mrs. Brinson on the birth of their daughter, Fiona, on March 29th and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on the birth of their son, Martin, on July 21st.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following:

Clare Brewer, Mandy Allen, Anne Hunt on receiving Queen's Guide Awards.

Michelle Shaw and Sarah Hill for performances as fairies in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Rectory Garden, Alcester.

Marie Stephens, Christine Catherall, Ann Gayfer, Lindsey Collins and Caroline Ross for performances in the Jubilee production of Delibes' Ballet "Coppelia," at the Greig Hall, Alcester.

John Greenaway for his part in a rescue operation on Glen Nevis and for receiving a commendation from the Scouting Association.

Lynne Stafford on her coronation as Bidford-on-Avon Carnival Queen.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the following pupils whose fathers died during the year:

John and Mark Greenaway, Peter Burgess, Elizabeth and Catherine Lewis, Alison and David Phillips, Stephen Shirley.

The following pupils obtained passes in the 1977 A level examinations of the Oxford Local Examining Board.

Code: e—English, f—French, g—German, h—History, ec—Economics, gy—Geography, m—Mathematics, fm—Further Mathematics, p—Physics, c—Chemistry, b—Biology, ed—Engineering Drawing, ck—Cookery, a—Art.

* denotes that the highest grade was awarded.

Neal Allen—c, b; Christopher Blizard—ed*; Rupert Collins—gy, b; Franco Crispo—m, p; Kevin Farmery—p, b; William Gallimore m, ed; Kevin Smith—gy; Anthony Vincent—h; Lynn Adkins—ck; Fiona Hair—h; Anne Maw—m, p*, c, b; Angela Murphy—e, ec; Bernadette Murphy—e; Andrea Tadd—f; Timothy Baldwin—m*, fm, p, c; Kevin Bennett—h, gy; Roger Green m*, fm, p*, c*; Jonathan Jones—h; David Peters—p; Julia Cuzner—p, c, b; Patricia Dexter—ck; Nicola Downes—ck*; Claire Duffin—e, f, g; Gail Onions—f, h; Lynne Stafford—gy; Karen Thomas—h, gy; Charles Barlow—m, p, c; John Crowe—m, p, c; Brett Freeman—m, p, c; Martin McMahon—m, fm, p; John Seeney—h, gy, m; Martin Seys—f, ec; Christopher Sharratt—m, p; Peter Shaw—ec, gy; Stuart Whitwell—gy; Pauline Ashton—m; Michelle Drew—e, gy, a; Marie Fallon—e, f, g; Cheryl Miles—ec, m; Juliette Mulvaney—gy; Alison Phillips—m, c, b; Lesley Sturley—h, gy; Susan Whitehouse—ck, a; Colin Foster (one year) m; Mary Emerson (one year) m.

The following passes (grade C or above) were obtained by pupils in the recent 1977 O level examinations of the Oxford Local Examining Board.

Code: e—English Language, el—English Literature, f—French, ge—German, h—History, gy—Geography, m—Mathematics, am—Additional Mathematics, p—Physics, c—Chemistry, b—Biology, hb—Human Biology, mw—Metalwork, ed—Engineering Drawing, ck—Cookery, nw—Needlework, a—Art, mu—Music, rs—Religious Studies, sp—Spanish.

* denotes that the highest grade was awarded.

5M David Akerman—e, ed; Malcolm Allum—e*, el, gy*, m, p, c, b; Michael Blizard—e, f, h, gy, m, mw; Steven Chambers—e*, el, f, m, p*, c, b, mw*; Andrew Dunbar—e*, el, f, h*, gy*, b; Matthew Goodman—e, el, f, m, p*, c, b, ed; John Greenaway—e*, gy, m, p, c, b; Simon Gregory—e, h, gy, b, ed; Paul Hancox—e, el, m, p*, c, mw*, ed*; Ian Langston—e, el, h*; Rupert Organ—e*, el, h, gy*; Colin Partridge—e, el, f, gy, m, p*, c, b; Robert Pegg—e, h, gy; David Robertson—e*, el*, f*, h*, m*, p*, c, b*; Hugh Rowley—e*, el, f, m, p*, c, b; Digby Smart—e*, el, gy*, m*, p*, c, b; Adrian Waters—e*, el, h, m, p, c, b; Amanda Brewin—e*, el, f, h, gy, hb, a*; Susan Day—e, c; Julie Dodsworth—e*, el, h, gy, b, a; Jayne Fox—e*, el*, m, p, c, b* a*, mu; Jennifer Fraser—e*, el, gy,

m, c, ck*; Karen Hemming e*; Margaret Maundrell e, h, ck, a; Renata Mosz—e*, el, f, gy*, m, c, b; Nicola Pepper—e*, el, h, m, p, c, hb; Julie Rogers—e, el, m; Clare Sawyer—e*, el, f², h, m*, p*, c, b, mu, rs*; Elizabeth Sturley—e*, el, f, ge, m*, p*, c, b*; Ann Sullivan—e*, el², f, h*, gy, b, rs; Jane Williams—e*, el, f, h, hb, ck*, a; Michelle Willmott—e*, el*, h, hb*, ck*, a; Christine Wood—e*, hb, ck;

5S Nicholas Bridges—e, Timothy Clark—e*, f, m, p*, c, b, ed; Stephen Dyer—e*, el*, f*, ge*, h*, m*, c*, b*; John Escott—e, el, h, gy*, hb; Keith Evans—e, f, m, p, c; Jonathan Hallam—e*, el*, f, h*, m, p, c*, b; Martyn Langston—e*, el, gy, m*, p, c, b; Stephen McCarthy—e*, el, f*, gy*, m, p*, c, b*; Julian McMahon—e, m, p, c, b, ed; Duncan Neville—e*, f, m, p, c, b*, a; Andrew Phelps—e, f, gy, m, p, c, b; John Reeves—e*, mw, ed; David Shore—e*, el, f*, ge, m*, p*, c*, b*; Neale Smith—e*, el, hb; John Walters—e, el, f, m*, p, c, b, mw*; Roderick Yates—e, gy, p, hb; Louise Allen—e*, el*, gy, hb, ck*, a; Susan Berridge—e, el, f, m, p, c, b, ed; Siobhan Clancy—e*, el, f², ge, h, gy, hb; Alison Collett—e, el, gy, m, ck; Nicola Court—e*, el, f, gy, m, p, c, b; Kay Edwards—e*, el*, f², ge, h*, m, hb, a; Belinda Fey—e*, el*, f, h, m, p, c, b; Geraldine Lamb—e, m, hb, a; Catherine Laurens—e*, Jane Longstaff—e*, el, h, m, hb, ck; Shirley Millard—e*, el, f, m, p, c, ck*; Carolyn O'Sullivan—e, el*, h*, m, hb*, ck*, a, rs; Jayne Portman—e, f, m, ck; Julia Rankin—e, el, f, m, p, c, b, a; Deborah Rugg—e, el, f, m, hb, a; Jeannie Tarver—e, el, ck, a; Karen Wood—e, m, hb, ck, a.

LOWER SIXTH Robert Sealey—am, a; Martin Woodger—am; Linda Farmery—am; Elizabeth Hadwen—am; Claire Jackson-Mee—a*; Jan Read—sp*; Ian Crabtree—am; Nicholas Raspin—am; Fiona Reeves—p; Alison Scott—mu; Gillian White—am; Clive Devey—am; Timothy Drew—mw*; Graham Dunbar—e; Nigel Noaks—am*; David Phillips—am*; Christine Catherall—am; Debra Smith—am*; Peter Shaw—ge.

December 1976 in Chemistry: Lesley Harris, Christopher Hood, Karen Thomas.

WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

Upper Sixth Leavers:—

To Universities: Neal Allen (Textiles at Bradford), Rupert Collins (Biology at Dundee), Franco Crispo (Mathematics at Warwick), Kevin Farmery (Education at Warwick), Timothy Baldwin (Aero-engineering at Southampton), Roger Green (Physics at Bristol), Charles Barlow (Ophthalmics at UMIST), John Crowe (Physics at Southampton), Martin McMahon (Mathematics at Southampton), John Seeney (Geology at Aberystwyth 1978), Christopher Sharratt (Aero-engineering at Salford), Anne Maw (Medicine at Manchester), Alison Phillips (Bio-chemistry at UMIST), Brett Freeman (Chemistry at Bedford College, London).

To Colleges of Education: Pauline Ashton (St. Mary's, Newcastle), Geraldine O'Sullivan (de la Salle, Manchester), Lesley Sturley (Bristol Polytechnic).

To Other Colleges: Peter Shaw (Newcastle Polytechnic), Lynn Adkins (Catering at Llandrillo Technical), Angela Murphy (Birmingham Polytechnic), Marie Stephens (Leamington Medical Secretary), Andrea Tadd (Rugby Bilingual Secretary), Patricia Dexter (Leamington Medical Secretary), Claire Duffin (Rugby Bilingual Secretary), Karen Thomas (Shrewsbury School of Radiography), Michelle Drew (Leamington Art), Bernadette Murphy (Redditch College).

To Hospital Nursing: Julia Cuzner (Derby Royal Infirmary), Nicola Downes (Queen Elizabeth, Birmingham), Gail Onions (Radcliffe, Oxford), Marie Fallon (Queen Elizabeth, Birmingham), Juliette Mulvaney (Cheltenham General).

To Other Training and Employment: Christopher Blizard (Rockwell Maudslay), William Gallimore (Technical Apprenticeship, Redditch), Kevin Smith (Quantity Surveying), Anthony Vincent (N.F.U.), Duncan Reeves (Merchant Navy), Cheryl Miles (N.F.U.)

Lower Sixth Leavers: Stephen Hunt (Farming), Ian Crabtree (Farming), Gillian Sreeves (Leamington College, Certificate in Residential Care).

Fifth Form Leavers: Ian Langston, Susan Day, Nicholas Bridges, John Escott, Geraldine Lamb, Catherine Laurens, Jayne Portman, Karen Wood (All to S.W.C.F.E.).

Rupert Organ, Jane Longstaff, Michelle Willmott, Julie Rogers (All to Redditch College) Karen Hemming (Hairdressing) Margaret Maundrell (Catering), Malcolm Allum (Merchant Navy), John Reeves (Agricultural Apprentice), Roderick Yates (Leamington College), Christine Wood (Drawing Office, Whitbread's, Stratford), Neale Smith (Trainee manager at Supermarket), John Walters (Agriculture).

INFORMATION, PLEASE

The School "Record" can be a fruitful source of information about Old Scholars if their achievements have been accurately recorded by the editors during their years in school. Everybody's name appears in two editions of the magazine, on arrival and on departure, but most achieve a measure of success in some special activity, in a team, in sports, in clubs and societies, in public examinations or, on leaving school, in a career, and this should be recorded in the magazine.

In 1973 we reported that Police Commander A. E. Perkins (20-25) had been made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by Her Majesty the Queen on his retirement after more than thirty years as a bodyguard to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, King George VI and latterly to Queen Elizabeth herself. This year we have to record the death of Sir Edward Perkins, K.C.V.O.

The Headmaster searched back numbers of the "Record" and discovered the following information about Edward Perkins from the time when he was a pupil here:—

1922. Winner of Junior Cross Country and Football race.

1923. 2nd in Mile race.

1924. In over 14 sports—1st in Mile, 2nd in Obstacle race, Long Jump and 5 miles Cross Country race. Awarded Silver Medal for Sports. House Captain and top scorer in Football team with 17 goals. In Scouts' Concert, played 'Patrol Leader Jack' in playlet called "Tom the Piper's Son." In Debating Society, proposed motion that "England should go dry." Voting was 18 for and 18 against the motion.

1925. Appointed Prefect and Captain of Football. Team played 14 matches, won 9, lost 4, drew 1. Captain of Cricket. Easy winner of Cross Country. On Sports Day, Victor Ludorum by large majority, being 1st in 220 yards, Hurdles and High Jump, 2nd in 100 yards, 3rd in half mile and Obstacle race. In the same year, he passed the School Certificate and left School.

We cannot all become famous, but we can at least make certain that all our successes, however small they may seem, reach the editors to be recorded in the School Magazine.

D.E.O.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

- Kevin Leeson (67-74), class 1 in Electronic Engineering at UMIST, is attending a one year course as an R.A.F. Officer at Cranwell.
- Vivienne Payne (68-74), class 2.ii in Computation Science at UMIST, is working in the Computing Centre at Boots H.Q., Nottingham.
- Donald Bennett (70-74), class 3 honours in Chemistry at Bath.
- Catherine Plummer (72-74), class 2.i in Geography at Aberystwyth, is doing post-graduate work in Urban and Regional Planning.
- Paula Wibberley (née Barlow) (67-74), class 2.ii in English at Cardiff.
- Pamela Boyle (67-74), class 2.i in the History and Philosophy of Science at Cambridge, is taking a post-graduate course in Museum Studies at Leicester University.
- Rosemary Jacques (67-74), class 2.ii in Electronic Engineering at Loughborough, is working for Marconi in Leicester.
- Lynette Manley (67-74), class 2.ii in Social Science and Administration at Bedford College, London, is a trainee Social Worker in the Borough of Lewisham.
- Alan Smith (64-71) has a B.Sc. honours degree in Architecture at Aston University.
- Michael Tedstone (66-73), class 2.ii in Business Studies at Ealing Polytechnic, is working for British Rail.
- Ian Aldridge (67-74), has a year's sabbatical leave from Warwick University with Ransome, Hoffman and Pollard at Weybridge to study two fields in Business Management.
- Julia Curtis (67-74), is in the fourth year of a sandwich course at Bradford University.
- Susan Yates (67-74), class 2.ii in English at Lancaster, is working at the Bodleian Library in Oxford.
- Roger Hartland (67-74), is in his fourth year of Business Administration for a B.Sc. degree at Bath University.
- Valerie Clark (72-74), is teaching in Rochdale.
- Jayne Coffee (67-74) is teaching in Bristol.
- Jane Sawyer (67-74) is teaching in Nuneaton at St. Anne's R.C. First School.
- Julia Robinson (70-74) continues her Nursing training at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Birmingham.
- Anne Longstaff (67-74) is a Radiographer at Faredown Hospital, Brighton.
- Michael Fallon (72-74) is working for Sun-Life Assurance at Reading.
- Ian Greig (67-72) has gained an associated Diploma in Estate Management at the Polytechnic of Wales.
- Stephen Rewse (67-72) is teaching in a Comprehensive School in Carlisle.

Susan Bond (65-72) is teaching French at Ponteland County High School.

Debra Overton (72-76) is studying the History of Art at Manchester University.

John O'Sullivan (68-76) is taking a B.A. degree course in Graphics at Wolverhampton Polytechnic.

Alan Lancaster (66-71), gained a class 2.ii degree in Fine Arts at Nottingham.

Ann Guest (née Craddock, 62-67) honours degree in Sociology at Leicester University.

John Hemming (47-52), David West (67-73) and Breit Ross (59-66) played parts in Mrs. Price's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Rectory Garden, Alcester.

Timothy Eagleton (63-70) played the elder brother in "The Winslow Boy" with the Cygnet Players.

Philip Parker (66-69) works for Ciné Equipments, Stratford.

Colin Hill (65-72) is studying at Westhill Teacher Training College, Birmingham.

Andrew Heath (66-71) is attending Middleton St. George Teacher Training College.

MARRIAGES

David MOULSON (59-66) to Jane LAMBURN (67-73).

Neil WEATHERHEAD (69-74) to Gail GARGAN.

Anthony NEWITT (68-71) to Susan BARLEY.

Ian MACKINTOSH (68-73) to Julie NEWMAN.

Martin WRIGHT to Angela BONSEN (68-75).

Jonathan JOYCE (64-71) to Susan PARSONS.

Peter BAZLEY to Philippa HALLAM (68-73).

Nicholas JOYCE (69-71) to Maureen IRELAND.

Alan GODFREY (62-69) to Julie-Ann ARMSTRONG.

Cedric MILLS to Wendy SALMON (66-73).

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. BUGLER (née Anne Payne (68-74)) a son, Alexander.

To Mr. and Mrs. Christopher RICKETTS (67-69) a daughter, Rebecca.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter HEATH (64-71) twin daughters.

DEATHS

Sir Edward PERKINS, K.C.V.O. (1920-1925).

Colin DANKS (1953-1958).

LATE NEWS

PUPILS

The following were appointed School Prefects in September 1977:-

Jim Toseland, Stephen Davis, Nicholas Forbes, Nigel Noaks, Clive Devey, Colin Foster.

Fiona Reeves, Ruth Lynam, Melanie Barnsdale, Julie Quiney.

Welcome to new pupil, Lydia Emery (3M) from Coventry.

OLD SCHOLARS

Marriages:-Anthony Koga to Lynette Gardner (67-72).

Mark Atherton (66-71) to Linda Plowman.

David Smith to Joy Blakey (69-75).

News:- Christopher Woodhouse (68-75). We are very pleased to report that Chris is making a good recovery after a serious accident at Leeds University where he is studying Chemistry and Computational Science.

STAFF

We welcome the appointment of Mr. Robert Cox from St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, to take charge of Boys' Physical Education and Games during the temporary absence of Mr. Cowell, who has undergone an operation on his ankle.

Our congratulations to Mr. L. C. Green on the award of a Master of Arts degree by Warwick University.

SCHOOL REGISTER

FAREWELL

Autumn Term 1976:

Anne Evans (U6).

Spring Term 1977:

Peter Wilks (L6), Diane Taylor (L6), Sean Price (1M), Sharron Street (2M), Janet Leighton (L6).

Summer Term 1977:

U6N: Andrew Abercrombie, Neal Allen, Christopher Blizard, Rupert Collins, Franco Crispo, Kevin Farmery, William Gallimore, Kevin Smith, Anthony Vincent, Lynn Adkins, Fiona Hair, Anne Maw, Angela Murphy, Bernadette Murphy, Marie Stephens, Andrea Tadd.

U6S: Timothy Baldwin, Kevin Bennett, Roger Green, Jonathan Jones, Brian Williams, Rocco Valentino, Julia Cuzner, Patricia Dexter, Nicola Downes, Claire Duffin, Alison Gayfer, Gail Onions, Karen Thomas, Lynne Stafford.

U6W: Charles Barlow, John Crowe, Brett Freeman, Jason Gregory, Martin McMahon, Duncan Reeves, John Seeney, Martin Seys, Peter Shaw, Stuart Whitwell, Christopher Sharratt, Pauline Ashton, Michelle Drew, Marie Fallon, Cheryl Miles, Juliette Mulvaney, Geraldine O'Sullivan, Alison Phillips, Lesley Sturley, Susan Whitehouse.

L6: Stephen Hunt, Ian Crabtree, Gillian Sreeves.

5M: Malcolm Allum, Ian Langston, Rupert Organ, Robert Pegg, Susan Day, Karen Hemming, Margaret Maundrell, Christine Wood, Julie Rogers, Michelle Wilmott.

5S: Nicholas Bridges, John Escott, John Reeves, Neale Smith, John Walters, Roderick Yates, Geraldine Lamb, Catherine Laurens, Jane Longstaff, Jane Portman, Karen Wood.

4M: Deborah Hayklan.

3S: Nicholas Hemming, Kevin Johnson.

1S: Shireen Bourne.

WELCOME

Autumn Term 1976:

Robert Shore (3M) (Tiverton G.S.)

Spring Term 1977:

Anna Capes (2S), Benedicte Foster (2M), Melanie Barnsdale (L6S), Jonathan Lowe (2M).

Autumn Term 1977:

2M: Joanne Powell, Wendy Silverstone (Greville H.S.)

2S: Stuart Cuffe (St. Benedict's).

3S: Colin Sheridan (Southampton).

4S: Sally Hodgkiss (Harrogate).

5M: Shirley Hunt (St. Benedict's).

Lower 6: Andrew Flowerdew (Henley H.S.)

Kathryn Bird, Michele Shaw (St. Benedict's).

Trudy Stanley (Bidford H.S.)

Michael Chinn, Trevor Ratledge (Greville H.S.)

Gary Manders (Bromsgrove School)

Fiona Tompkins (Stratford H.S.)

1M: Richard Devey, Mark Evans, Simon Hancox, Nicholas Harris, Simon Hill, Timothy Hood, Neil Johnson, Anthony Knight, David Laughlin, Ian Parker, Andrew Richmond, Alastair Reeves, Stephen Todd, Andrew Walker.

Carolyn Beddowes, Stephanie Brewin, Nicola Brookhouse, Johanna Clarie, Fiona Davis, Sallie Gill, Julie Hawkes, Lesley King, Claire Leavesley, Katherine Lewis-Jones, Sarah Newey, Lindsey Portman, Jane Stanley, Anna Thompson, Michele Wall, Joanna Woodrow.

1S: Darren Blewett, Simon Edkins, Nicholas Edwards, Mark Foster, David Glaze, Mark Hamblin, Keith Hancocks, David Harris, Stephen Molloy, Peter Ratcliffe, Richard Reader, Gary Strain, David Taylor, John Ward.

Helen Archer, Louise Bickley, Jill Blakey, Lucinda Clarke, Julie Cooke, Lisa Gascoigne, Joanne Harrison, Sian Hughes, Marcia Lavender, Dawn Lewis, Claire Linfoot, Deborah Lupton, Lucy Matthews, Sally Miller, Sarah Thompson, Helen Young.